

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY.

Regulations 1956. No. 12.

REGULATIONS UNDER THE MOTOR TRAFFIC ORDINANCE 1936-1956.*

I ALLEN FAIRHALL, the Minister of State for the Interior, in pursuance of the powers conferred on me by the *Motor Traffic Ordinance* 1936-1956, hereby make the following Regulations.

Dated the seventh day of December, 1956.

ALLEN FAIRHALL

Minister of State for the Interior.

AMENDMENTS OF THE TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE CAR REGULATIONS.†

1. These Regulations shall come into operation on the seventeenth day of December, 1956. **Commencement.**

2. Regulation 18 of the Taxi and Private Hire Car Regulations is amended by inserting in sub-regulation (2.) after the word "with" the words "all or any of". **Taximeters.**

3. After regulation 19 of the Taxi and Private Hire Car Regulations the following regulation is inserted:—

"19A.—(1.) Whenever it appears to the Registrar, after a change has been made in the flag fall charge, mileage rate or the amount payable for waiting time prescribed by regulation 24 of these Regulations, that some time will elapse before the holder of a taxi licence will be able to have the taximeter fitted to his vehicle adjusted to register the new charge, rate or amount, the Registrar shall prepare and issue to the holder a conversion card showing, in relation to the amount registered by the taximeter, the amount payable, in respect of a hiring at the new charge, rate or amount, by the person who has hired the taxi. **Use of fare conversion card.**

"(2.) Where the amount payable in respect of a hiring at the new charge, rate or amount is an amount of shillings and pence and a fraction of a penny—

- (a) if the fraction of a penny does not exceed one halfpenny—the Registrar shall, in preparing a conversion card, reduce the amount payable by the amount of the fraction; and
- (b) if the fraction exceeds one halfpenny—the Registrar shall, in preparing a conversion card, increase the amount payable by treating the fraction as One penny.

* Notified in the *Commonwealth Gazette* on 13th December, 1956.

† Regulations 1956, No. 2.

“(3.) The holder of a taxi licence to whom a conversion card is issued by the Registrar shall keep the card displayed in the vehicle in a position where it may be easily read by a passenger or hirer.

“(4.) When the taximeter affixed to his vehicle has been adjusted to register the amended rates of fare the holder of the taxi licence shall return the conversion card to the Registrar.”.

Taxi fares.

4. Regulation 24 of the Taxi and Private Hire Car Regulations is amended—

- (a) by omitting from sub-regulation (3.) the words “One shilling and sixpence” and inserting in their stead the words “One shilling and ninepence”;
- (b) by omitting sub-regulation (6.); and
- (c) by omitting from sub-regulation (7.) the words “One shilling for each five minutes” and inserting in their stead the words “One shilling and threepence for each five minutes that the taxi is required to wait”.

5. Regulation 26 of the Taxi and Private Hire Car Regulations is repealed and the following regulation inserted in its stead:—

Display of rate of fare on taxi.

“26.—(1.) A person shall not drive or be in charge of a taxi in a public street unless—

- (a) the words “flag fall” (or where a taximeter is not affixed to the vehicle the words “hiring charge”) preceded by symbols representing the charge specified in sub-regulation (2.) of regulation 24 of these Regulations;
- (b) the words “per mile” preceded by symbols representing the mileage rate specified in sub-regulation (3.) of regulation 24 of these Regulations; and
- (c) the words “minimum fare” followed by symbols representing the minimum fare specified in sub-regulation (10.) of regulation 24 of these Regulations,

are exhibited in one-inch gilt block letters upon a black background on the windscreen.

“(2.) A person shall not drive or be in charge of a taxi in a public street unless—

- (a) the words “flag fall” (or where a taximeter is not affixed to the vehicle the words “hiring charge”) preceded by symbols representing the charge specified in sub-regulation (2.) of regulation 24 of these Regulations;
- (b) the words “per mile” preceded by symbols representing the mileage rate specified in sub-regulation (3.) of regulation 24 of these Regulations; and
- (c) the words “minimum fare” followed by symbols representing the minimum fare specified in sub-regulation (10.) of regulation 24 of these Regulations,

are exhibited, on the rear window, in one-inch gilt block letters upon a black background as near as practicable to the lower edge thereof.

"(3.) A person shall not drive or be in charge of a taxi, to which a taximeter is affixed, in a public street, unless—

- (a) the words "flag fall" preceded by symbols representing the charge specified in sub-regulation (2.) of regulation 24 of these regulations; and
- (b) immediately thereunder the words "per mile" preceded by symbols representing the mileage rate at which the taximeter is regulated to register,

are exhibited upon the face of the taximeter inside the glass, in letters and figures which are as large as practicable and are easily legible by a hirer.

"(4.) The symbols and words required by sub-regulations (1.) and (2.) of this regulation to be exhibited on the windscreen and rear window of a taxi shall not be displayed on anything affixed to the windscreen or rear window but shall be placed directly thereon by means of painting or similar process.

"(5.) A person shall not drive or be in charge of a taxi in a public street—

- (a) if any reference to the flag fall or hiring charge, mileage rate or minimum fare is displayed in, on or about the taxi elsewhere or otherwise than as prescribed by these Regulations; or
- (b) if a reference to any other charge or rate of fare for the hiring of the taxi is displayed in, on or about the taxi".

6. After regulation 34 of the Taxi and Private Hire Car Regulations the following regulation is inserted:—

"34A.—(1.) The holder of a taxi licence may affix to the top of the roof or hood of the vehicle a sign bearing the word "TAXI". ^{Roof signs.} but the sign shall not contain any other word, letter or figure.

"(2.) Where a sign fitted to a taxi in accordance with the last preceding sub-regulation is capable of being illuminated at night, a person shall not drive or be in charge of the taxi unless the light illuminating the sign is switched off when the taxi is not available for hire."

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